

BY REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals, bureau of healthcare financing,

3 to study the use of living wills among Medicaid recipients and report to the House

4 and Senate committees on health and welfare no later than February 1, 2010.

5 WHEREAS, many Louisiana citizens are living longer, healthier, and more

6 productive lives; and

7 WHEREAS, as medical science advances, families increasingly have to make

8 difficult decisions about life support with little or no direction from their loved ones; and

9 WHEREAS, Medicaid recipients are some of Louisiana's poorest citizens and do not

10 have access to the legal and estate planning resources as do other citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Medicaid recipients deserve to have choices when it comes to advanced

12 directives and living wills; and

13 WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has rules and

14 regulations regarding advance directives for Medicaid recipients in hospitals and nursing

15 homes.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

17 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the use of living wills

18 among Medicaid recipients, including but not limited to studying ways to increase the use

19 of living wills among Medicaid recipients, and to report its findings to the House and Senate

20 committees on health and welfare no later than February 1, 2010.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department should examine whether or not
2 filling out living wills should be made a mandatory requirement for Medicaid applicants or
3 persons being admitted into inpatient facilities.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
5 Department of Health and Hospitals, bureau of healthcare financing.

DIGEST

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